

Attorney Docket No. 15162/02390

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#2
JC873 U.S. PTO
09/631414
08/03/00

In re

U.S. application: Kenichi MORITA, Keisuke HASHIMOTO,
and Kenichi TAKAHASHI

For: DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND
METHOD OF DATA COMMUNICATION

U.S. Serial No.: To Be Assigned

Filed: Concurrently

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Examiner: To Be Assigned

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Director

for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL NO.: EL195374839US
DATE OF DEPOSIT: AUGUST 3, 2000
I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the
United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee"
service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the dated indicated above and is
addressed to BOX PATENT APPLICATION, Assistant Director for
Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Derrick T. Gordon

Name of Person Mailing Paper or Fee

Derrick T. Gordon

Signature

August 3, 2000

Date of Signature

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in
37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following
item to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the
document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

No representation is made, and no representation is
intended, that more relevant material does not exist, or
that the order of presentation of this material in any way
reflects its relative pertinence. The reference cited below
is not intended to constitute an admission of any kind.
Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that
the item listed below is properly citable against the
above-identified application.

Attorney Docket No. 15162/02390

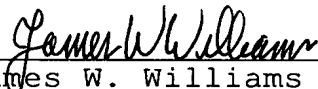
The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-98604 (RICOH CO LTD), published April 14, 1998.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited document.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the application, no fee is incurred. However, if it should be determined that a fee is required, please charge any required fee (other than the issue fee) during the pendency of this application to Sidley & Austin's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,



James W. Williams
Registration No. 20,047
Attorney for Applicants

JWW/mhg
SIDLEY & AUSTIN
717 North Harwood
Suite 3400
Dallas, Texas 75201-6507
(214) 981-3328 (direct)
(214) 981-3300 (main)
August 3, 2000

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Complete if Known				
				Application Number		To Be Assigned		
				Filing Date		Concurrently Herewith		
				First Inventor		Kenichi MORITA et al.		
				Group Art Unit		To Be Assigned		
				Examiner Name		To Be Assigned		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket No.		15162/02390		
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials	Cite #	DOCUMENT NUMBER	C O D E	PATENTEE	ISSUE DATE (mm/dd/yy)	CLASS	SUB CLASS	Filing Date if Appropriate
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials		O F F I C E	NUMBER	C O D E	PUBLICATION DATE (mm/dd/yy)	TRANSLATION Yes No		
	(1)	JP	10-98604	A	04/14/1998	ABSTRACT ONLY		
OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published							
Examiner Signature					Date Considered			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with the next communication to applicant.

JC873 U.S. PTO

09/631414

